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Dear Mr. Swartz Day:

This letter is in response to your request under the California Public Records Act dated and received by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Discovery Unit on January 10, 2019.

In your request, for the period of January 1, 2015 to January 10, 2019, you are seeking specifically:

1. Number, if any, of IMSI-catcher or cell phone interception devices (commonly called stingrays or hailstorms) owned by this department or agency."
2. "Number, if any, of IMSI-catcher or cell phone interception devices (commonly called stingrays or hailstorms) available for use by this department or agency via collaborative agreements that were utilized within the period encompassing this request.
3. "Provide the name of the department or agency that made the IMSI-catcher devices available to this department or agency for use."
4. "Any documents or correspondence during the period encompassing this request regarding possible or planned acquisition of an IMSI-catcher device."

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5. "Any current or past litigation involving or referencing this department or agency involving the use of cell phone interception technology."

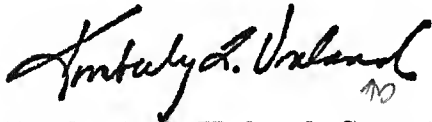
**Response to Request #1:** The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department owns one device that is currently inoperable.

**Response to Request #2, #3, #4, and #5:** LASD has no records responsive to your request.

If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Norman of the Discovery Unit at (323) 890-5000.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kimberly L. Unland" with a small "10" written below the name.

Kimberly L. Unland, Captain  
Risk Management Bureau